

## MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2000, Maine EMS Office, Augusta, Maine  
Members Present: J. Caron, D. Palladino, L. Worden (0915), P. Marcolini, B. Davis (0920), S. Shapleigh, L. Delano (0930), K. Pomelow (0930), J. Partridge (0930), P. Plumer  
Maine EMS Staff: D. Corning  
Guests:  
Absent: J. Brinkman, Dr. Chagrasulis, C. Boehm, P. Conley, D. Robishaw, B. Zito, G. Miller, B. Demchak  
Timekeeper: S. Shapleigh  
Meeting opened at: 9:15 AM

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
Additions to Agenda	There were no additions to the agenda	
Ratification of Minutes, December 8, 1999	<b>Motion: Accept minutes of December 8, 1999 as presented. Palladino/Plumer Passed</b>	✓ Distribute and file.
Staff Report	Dwight briefly reported on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ The Exam Committee has nearly finished the latest draft of the Exam Manual, and soon be looking at examiner training. They have also updated the First Responder ALS skills sheets, and will be working on the EMT-B skills sheet. The Committee working with Liz on test questions for the new EMT-I training, as well as proposed changes to the practical test.</li><li>✓ The Date Committee will be meeting this month to draft items to include in an RFI an electronic run sheet program. The plan is to have an RFP out in February/March and bids in, reviewed, and a contract issued in April/May.</li><li>✓ Maine EMS will be purchasing new MCI Vests for each licensed EMS vehicle, First Responder Services, and the Regional offices in the near future.</li><li>✓ The Operations Team has scheduled 1 hour at their February meeting to review and work on items related to the new EMT-I program, including establishing a timeline for final implementation.</li><li>✓ Dr. Chagrasulis is stepping down as the state EMS Medical Director, and the process has begun to fill that position.</li></ul>	✓ Information only.

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- ✓ The rule's revisions have been approved (with minor changes) by the Board, and we now go to our Assistant Attorney General for review. Implementation date for the rules will be July 1, 2000, but the implementation date for the new CEH system will January 1, 2001.

EMT-Intermediate Update	<p>Dwight is about 65% through Draft #3 of the new curriculum. Those who have been reviewing draft #2 still have time to send comments and recommendations to Dwight. Operations Team has scheduled 1 hour at their February meeting to work on the question of how we will update instructors and current EMT-I providers, how these updates will be paid for, and to establish a timeline for final process to implementation of the updated curriculum.</p> <p>Today the committee discussed the need to add two more items to the checklist we use to approve new programs. Those two items are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Evaluation tool for any pilot programs, so we can judge success or failure of the program or materials, and know what needs to be added, removed, or changed.</li><li>2. Common QI standards for the regional QI systems to monitor following implementation of the new program.</li></ol> <p><b>Motion: To send the Operations Team the question of developing common QI standards, and if common QI standards are desired, do they want the Education Committee to develop these standards for the proposed EMT-I program.</b></p> <p><b>Marcolini/Plumer Passed</b></p>	✓ <b>Dwight</b> to refer the motion to the Operations Team for discussion.
I/C Program	<p>The committee reviewed the Proposed Statewide I/C Guidelines, draft 01/10/00, and made the following changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Motion: Removal of the requirement to be a certified AHA or ARC CPR Instructor. Delano/Plumer Passed</b></li><li>2. <b>Motion: Remove “If a MEMS licensed provider, must provide the completed MEMS I/C Recommendation Questionnaire as completed by their primary service chief. Add to the requirement “Have current resume on file in regional office” that this will include 2 letters of reference. Shapleigh/Delano Passed</b></li><li>3. Several items were reworded, and the new wording is reflected on the new draft 01/13/00.</li></ol>	<p>✓ <b>Dwight</b> to relay the question from the Education Committee to the Operations Committee.</p> <p>✓ <b>Dwight</b> to update the Proposed Statewide I/C Guidelines draft 01/10/00 to 01/13/00.</p>

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4. The discussion of requiring I/C's to provide a certain number of hours of education during a relicensure period versus looking at an "educational commitment" was tabled until the February meeting.
5. The committee requested Dwight carry the following question to the Operations Team:  
✎ Due to liability issues to the regions, does the Operations Team wish to continue with regionally sponsored I/C's, or do they wish to eliminate regional sponsors and have statewide certified I/C's.

### NSC Update

Dwight will be attending a work session in Denver from January 16 - 20, to work on the curriculum comparison project. The goal of the project is to have an objective by objective comparison of the "old" EMT-I to the "new" EMT-I, and the "old" Paramedic to the "new" Paramedic levels. Development of this document will make it easier for individual states to complete two additional tasks. ✓ Information only.

1. A comparison of the state EMT-I and Paramedic levels to the NSC at these two levels.
2. Development of "transition" programs to move licensee's from their current training level to the new prescribed levels.

The work group is also hoping, as time allows, to do a comparison between the "new" EMT-I and the "new" paramedic, which will ease the process of developing a bridge program between these two levels.

Dwight **hopes** to leave Denver with a copy of each of these comparisons in his computer.

### Review CEH Requirements for Proposed EMT-I level

It was determined by the Education Committee members at today's meeting that the EMT-Intermediate CEH requirements outlined in the proposed rules are sufficient to meet the CEH requirements for the proposed new level of EMT-Intermediate licensure.

✓ **Dwight** to advise the Operations Team of the determination of the Education Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.

**Next Education Committee Meeting: February 9, 2000 9:00 am - noon**